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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN LEE COUNTY REMINDS RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO AVOID CONTACT WITH ALGAE



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**Lee County, Fla.** – The Florida Department of Health in Lee County (DOH) is issuing a health advisory for the Alva Boat Ramp, Davis Boat Ramp, and Franklin Locks based on water sampling results from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). DEP conducted sampling in the area and found the presence of Cyanobacteria, commonly known as blue-green algae. When algae is visible, DOH recommends individuals using the boat ramp avoid contact with the water. DEP will continue to monitor the Alva Boat Ramp, Davis Boat Ramp, and Franklin Locks and post updates on their [website](#).

Blue-green algae can cause gastrointestinal effects if swallowed. Children and pets are especially vulnerable, so keeping them away from the water during a bloom is especially important. Additional information on blue-green algae is available [here](#). If you spot blue-green algae, please contact Kalina Warren, environmental administrator with DEP's Water Quality Assessment Program for the South Region at 407-897-4177.

DEP, the five water management districts, DOH, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services all work together to respond to algal blooms. DEP has been closely monitoring and testing algal blooms and will continue to respond to any new reports.

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